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In re Patent Application of:  
Jan Hall et al.

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For: LAYER ARRANGED ON IMPLANT FOR  
BONE OR TISSUE STRUCTURE, SUCH AN  
IMPLANT, AND A METHOD FOR  
APPLICATION OF THE LAYER

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Examiner: E. C. Robert

**RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application, the Applicants responds as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.